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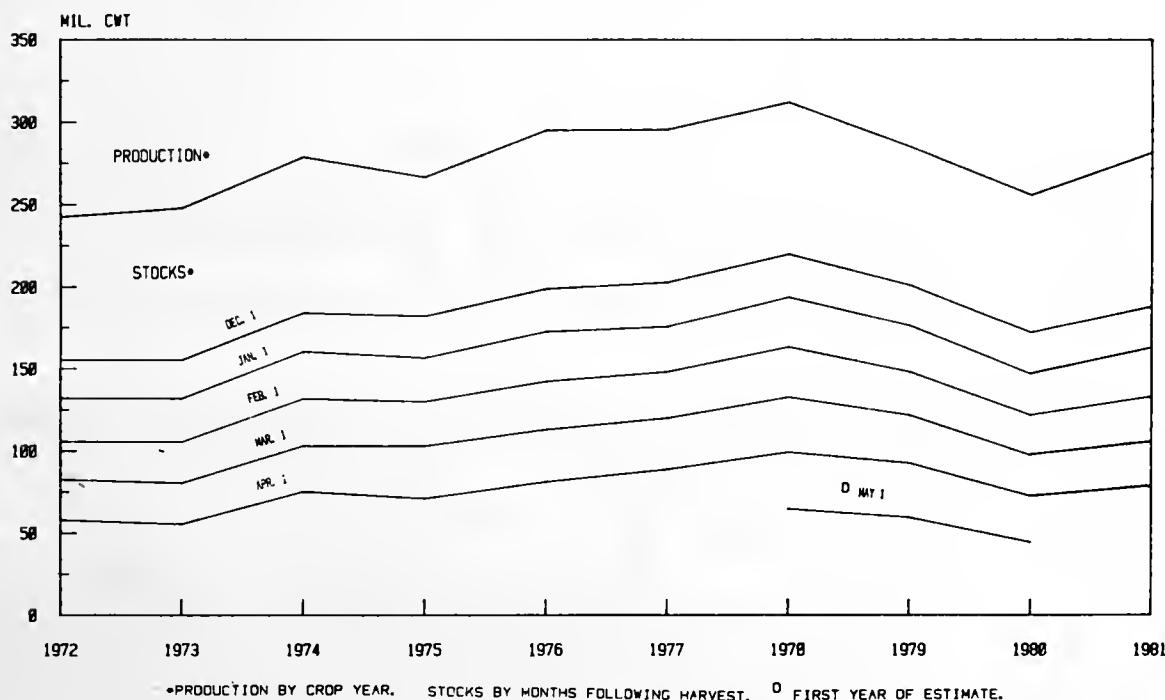
## POTATO STOCKS UP 7 PERCENT FROM YEAR EARLIER

Potato stocks as of April 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States are estimated at 77.5 million cwt (3.51 million metric tons). This is 7 percent above April 1 a year ago, but 16 percent less than on April 1, 1980.

Estimated holdings in the three Eastern States total 10.4 million cwt, 8 percent greater than a year earlier but 26 percent below April 1, 1980. Stocks in Maine, at 8.60 million cwt, are up 5 percent from a year ago. In the six Central States estimated stocks are 13.0 million cwt, 64 percent more than on April 1, 1981 but 5 percent below April 1, 1980. North Dakota's stocks are 92 percent greater than a year ago, while Minnesota and Wisconsin are up 70 and 36 percent, respectively. Holdings in the six Western States are estimated at 54.1 million cwt, 2 percent below April 1, 1981 and 16 percent less than two years ago. Idaho's stocks are estimated at 30.0 million cwt, down 9 percent from a year earlier. Holdings in Washington are up 15 percent while Oregon is unchanged, compared with April 1, 1981.

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## FALL POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND STOCKS



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NOTE: Stocks are defined as the quantity remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including shrinkage and waste and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes generally account for about 90 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage and loss and home use account for the remaining 10 percent.

TABLE 1. FALL POTATOES: DECEMBER 1, JANUARY 1, FEBRUARY 1, MARCH 1, APRIL 1, AND MAY 1 TOTAL STOCKS, AND COMPARABLE PRODUCTION FOR 15 STATES ESTIMATING POTATO STOCKS 1/

CROP YEAR	:	PRODUCTION	:	DEC 1	:	JAN 1	:	FEB 1	:	MAR 1	:	APR 1	:	MAY 1
1,000 CWT														
1971 <u>2/</u>	:	258,613		172,550		148,600		122,350		97,150				
1972	:	242,390		155,190		132,050		105,690		82,510		57,860		
1973	:	247,686		154,890		131,600		105,360		80,460		55,465		
1974	:	278,679		183,850		160,100		131,480		102,963		75,217		
1975	:	266,422		181,720		156,220		129,710		102,850		70,970		
1976	:	294,978		198,630		172,230		142,030		112,830		81,130		
1977	:	295,421		202,550		175,300		147,930		119,850		88,680		
1978	:	311,981		219,850		193,520		162,980		132,570		99,250	64,830	
1979	:	285,060		200,820		176,020		147,910		121,720		92,550	59,535	
1980	:	255,691		171,730		146,610		121,565		97,280		72,460	44,446	
1981	:	281,375		187,790		160,010		132,770		106,735		77,475		

1/ SEE TABLE 3 FOR LIST OF 15 STATES. 2/ BEGINNING WITH 1971, LATE SUMMER PRODUCTION FOR N Y - L I, WIS AND WASH HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS FALL.

TABLE 2. POTATOES USED FOR PROCESSING 1/, SEVEN STATES, 1980 AND 1981 CROPS

STATE	:	STORAGE	TO	:	ENTIRE SEASON										
1,000 CWT															
IDAHO AND	:														
MALHEUR CO.,	:	1980-81	14,460		18,710		23,230		28,110		33,570		39,210	52,720	
OREG	:	1981-82	16,720		21,240		26,000		31,205		36,840				
MAINE <u>2/</u>	:	1980-81	2,190		2,880		3,510		4,245		4,980		5,885	6,660	
	:	1981-82	2,145		2,715		3,450		4,135		5,195				
WASH AND	:														
OTHER AREAS,	:	1980-81	14,610		16,845		19,725		23,710		27,405		31,500	39,020	
OREG	:	1981-82	17,745		21,270		24,915		29,095		33,665				
OTHER STATES <u>3/</u>	:	1980-81	2,355		2,890		3,745		4,565		5,205		6,105	7,550	
	:	1981-82	2,860		3,670		4,635		5,835		7,090				
TOTAL	:	1980-81	33,615		41,325		50,210		60,630		71,160		82,700	105,950	
	:	1981-82	39,470		48,895		59,000		70,270		82,790				

1/ TOTAL QUANTITY RECEIVED AND USED FOR PROCESSING REGARDLESS OF THE STATE IN WHICH THE POTATOES WERE PRODUCED. DOES NOT INCLUDE QUANTITIES USED FOR POTATO CHIPS IN MAINE, MICH OR MINN. 2/ INCLUDES MAINE GROWN POTATOES ONLY. 3/ MICH, MINN AND N DAK.

TABLE 3. POTATOES: PRODUCTION AND TOTAL STOCKS OF FALL POTATOES HELD BY GROWERS, PROCESSORS AND LOCAL DEALERS ON APRIL 1, 1981 AND APRIL 1, 1982

STATE	CROP OF 1980			CROP OF 1981		
	: : : APR 1 STOCKS:		: : : APR 1 STOCKS:			
	PRODUC-	TOTAL STOCKS:	AS % OF	PRODUC-	TOTAL STOCKS:	AS % OF
	: : APR 1, 1981	: PRODUCTION :		: : APR 1, 1982	: PRODUCTION :	
	1,000 CWT	PERCENT		1,000 CWT	PERCENT	
CALIF	6,438	1,300	20	6,734	1,455	22
COLO	10,950	3,100	28	12,000	3,300	28
IDAHO	79,840	33,000	41	80,040	30,000	37
MAINE	24,960	8,200	33	26,520	8,600	32
MICH	7,403	800	11	7,050	1,200	17
MINN	9,920	2,300	23	13,300	3,900	29
MONT	1,725	720	42	1,739	900	52
NEBR	1,876	480	26	2,252	650	29
N Y -L I:	4,794	1/220		5,365	2/	
-UPST	6,250	290	5	6,875	2/750	
N DAK	15,680	2,400	15	20,125	4,600	23
OHIO	1,995	1/		1,845	20	1
OREG	19,745	5,800	29	21,710	5,800	27
PA	4,180	900	22	5,250	1,050	20
WASH	43,935	11,000	25	52,380	12,600	24
WIS	16,000	1,950	12	18,190	2,650	15
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TOTAL	255,691	72,460	28	281,375	77,475	28

1/ OHIO COMBINED WITH LONG ISLAND TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 2/ LONG ISLAND COMBINED WITH UPSTATE NEW YORK TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

During the past 9 years, the difference between the April 1 preliminary and final estimate averaged 2.9 million hundredweight. The largest deviation was 4.5 and the smallest was 0.2 million hundredweight. The preliminary April 1 estimate was below the final estimate 8 out of the past 9 years.

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Disappearance to April 1, 1982 in 15 major fall States totals 204 million cwt, 11 percent above the same period a year ago. This includes 23.5 million cwt of potatoes dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading and lost to shrinkage (moisture loss). Disappearance for the month of March totaled 29.3 million cwt compared with 24.8 million cwt for March 1981.

Potatoes processed to April 1, 1982 in seven major processing States total 82.8 million cwt, 16 percent more than the same period a year earlier. During March, 12.5 million cwt were processed compared with 10.5 million cwt for March 1981.

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